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SUBJECT: FUEL REBATE ON CHARTER FLIGHTS: ANSWER TO DECLINING
MOROCCAN TOURISM?

REFS: RABAT 4677, 5650, AND 5690

1. GERMAN EMBASSY YESTERDAY INFORMED US THAT LUFTHANSA
HAD LEARNED THAT THIRTY PER CENT REBATE IS TO BE GRANTED
BY GOM ON FUEL FOR CHARTER FLIGHTS TO MOROCCO.

2. PAN AM LATER IN DAY CONFIRMED THIS TO RCAA CASABLANCA,
ADDING THAT ARRANGEMENT WILL ENTER IN FORCE ON MARCH 1, 1975.

3. COMMENT:(ZOBVIOUS INTENTION IS TO BOLSTER SAGGING
TOURIST INDUSTRY WHICH EXPERIENCED 16 PER CENT DR90 IN FIRST
HALF 1974, WITH MORE THAN COMMENSURATE FALL IN REVENUES
(SEE RABAT 4677). WHILE SECOND HALF TOURISM FIGURES NOT YET
AVAILABLE, ACTION SEEMS TO CONFIRM CONTINUED DECLINE SECOND
HALF EARNINGS5 AS NEXT LARGEST FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNER IN
MOROCCAN BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT EXTRA-
ORDINARY OUTLAYS THIS YEAR FOR FOOD IMPORTS (RABAT 5650 AND 5690)

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SUCH ACTION UNDERSTANDABLE. SO FAR AS WE NOW KNOW, REBATE

Q LL BE APPLIED IN STRICTLY NON-DISCRIMINATORY MANNER.
SINCE ONLY ONE US CARRIER (PAN AM) OPERATING IN MOROCCO,
WITH SINGLE SCHEDULED FLIGHT PER WEEK INTO CASABLANCA,
NOT BELIEVED ACTION WILL OPERATE TO DISADVANTAGE US AIRLINE
INDUSTRY.
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